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SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS ABROAD

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1. CHINESE UNIVERSITY, ENROLMENT ABOUT 3,500, HAS 35 FOREIGN STUDENTS;

MOST ARE AMERICANS STUDYING HERE ON EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. THEY ARE ENROLLED IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND RECEIVE CREDIT THERE. AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, ENROLMENT ABOUT 3,500, THERE ARE ABOUT 10 FOREIGN STUDENTS, MOSTLY GRADUATES, WITH ONLY 1-2 BEING AMERICANS. NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS NOT LIMITED BY PERCENTAGE, BUT ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS VERY STRICT SINCE ACCEPTANCE FOREIGN STUDENT WOULD DENY OPPORTUNITY TO LOCAL STUDENT. AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, AMERICAN STUDENT MUST HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS AT ACCREDITED AMERICAN INSTITUTION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE AS FIRST YEAR STUDENT. POST AWARE OF SOME WHO MET THIS REQUIREMENT BUT WERE STILL NOT ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE.

2. BASIC TUITION IS SAME FOR FOREIGN AND LOCAL STUDENTS. HOWEVER, CHINESE UNIVERSITY CHARGES COMPREHENSIVE FEE FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. THIS INCLUDES ROUND-TRIP FARE, LANGUAGE TRAINING AND HOUSING. COMPREHENSIVE FEE USUALLY EQUIVALENT TO TUITION THAT FOREIGN STUDENTS WOULD PAY AT THEIR HOME INSTITUTIONS.

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3. NO SCHOLARSHIPS OR AID AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS. EXCHANGE

STUDENTS GET SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS FROM HOME INSTITUTIONS.

4. UNIVERSITY REGULATION DOES NOT PERMIT FOREIGN STUDENTS TO ACCEPT PAID WORK, BUT IT IS NOT STRICTLY OBSERVED.

5. GOVERNMENT LABOR PERMITS ARE NOT GRANTED TO FOREIGN STUDENTS FOR EITHER TERM OR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, LABOR PERMITS ARE NOT STRICTLY REQUIRED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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